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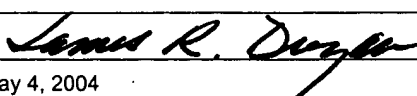
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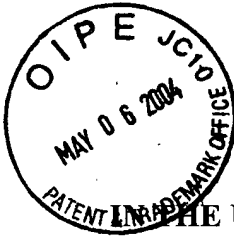
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TUNGSTEN/TITANIUM CONTACT  
PLUGS STRAPPED WITH METAL  
INTERCONNECT AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURE

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.